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SUBJ: HAVANA NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING

1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, DISCUSSED UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR HAVANA FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO FEBRUARY 27, DURING MONTHLY PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 23, MEETING WILL BE FIRST STEP IN PREPARATION FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN COLOMBO DURING SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. JAYAKODY ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE INCLUDED IN CEYLONese DELEGATION ARE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIEK, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, AND SRI LANKA'S AMBASSADOR AT UN, SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE. ADDITONS MAY BE MADE TO DELEGATION IF NECESSARY. (FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICAL TELLS US THAT SRI LANKA'S HIGH COMMIONER TO CANADA AND CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, VERNON MENDIS, IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN DELEGATION.)

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3. ACCORDING TO JAYAKODY, BUREAU WILL DISCUSS BOTH

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. ON POLITICAL SIDE, AGENDA WILL INCLUDE CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINIANS, AND PROBLEM OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, JAYAKODY SAID THAT MEETING WILL REVIEW DECISIONS OF UN SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LAST SPRING AND WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HELD IN ROME LAST NOVEMBER.

4. TWO-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM HAVANA WAS IN COLOMBO WEEK OF JANUARY 13 TO DISCUSS NON-ALIGNED MATTERS AND BUREAU MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DELEGATION ALSO ASKED GSL FOR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN COLOMBO (CUBAN AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI IS CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO SRI LANKA). VAN HOLLEN

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